

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/889,187

Examiner

Kevin Bates

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4-8-2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 7-11-2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

SALEH NAJAR
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Response to Amendment

This Office Action is in response to a communication made on April 8, 2005.

The Supplemental Application Data sheet was received on February 26, 2005.

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-9 are allowable over the prior art on record.

Reasons For Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reason for allowance is that the examiner has found that the prior art of record does not teach or suggest or render obvious an e-mail add-on system that uses a domain suffix of an e-mail address as defined syntax for presenting add-on services at a service mail server. More specifically, the prior art based on the newly added priority date, does not disclose or teach a add-on service server in an email system, which contains series of definitions for syntax to be added onto the suffix of domain of the formally registered e-mail address in the form of USERID@DOMAIN.suffix and also that these services are applied at a mail server installed at an Internet host having a domain name and identified by a meta domain name system, which makes a new message address to the formally defined email address and applying services to the mail message according to the contents of the root domain suffix and supplementary domain suffix specified. These differences are present in the specification and independent claims 1 and 7.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Prior Art

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U. S. Patent No. 5805810 issued to Maxwell, because it discloses a add-on service for email messages, which includes receiving messages at a relay server and checking the email address for information to form a new mail message.

U. S. Patent No. 6519646 issued to Gupta, because it discloses a relay server that receives resource address locations with additional extension information that whose syntax provides the relay server information about how to handle the request.

WO 02/065320 issued to Sheldon, because it uses suffix information of an email address to decide what to do with received email messages.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Bates whose telephone number is (571) 272-3980. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 am - 4:30 pm.

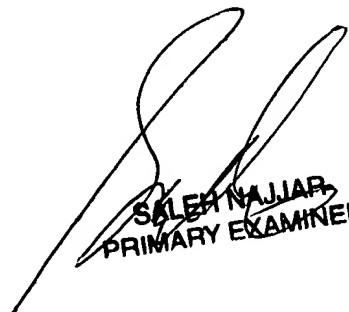
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on (571) 272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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